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A Trip to Ancient Mesopotamia

Have you ever been through an unexpected flood? Had all the crops you spend months growing die? The Mesopotamians have. They went through many unexpected floods. Mesopotamia invented many inventions we use today. Mesopotamians even invented a religion!



They also had a Mesopotamian Superman. His name was Gilgamesh. If you want to learn more about these amazing things, and more, keep reading!

Have you ever been to Christian or Jewish Church? Then you must have heard of the man called Abraham. He came from the Mesopotamian city of Ur, and he invented the religion Judaism. Judaism is the religion of the Jews. It all started when Abraham, the man I was talking about earlier, traveled from Ur to Canaan because his God told him to. His God made a covenant, or promise to him, that if Abraham promised to follow him, he would become Abraham's God. Abraham and his family moved to Canaan and decided to live there. They became one of the first Jewish people ever. Some of the Christian or Muslim beliefs are based on Jewish beliefs. Without Judaism, part of these religions would be lost!

Do you know who invented the wheel? Or astronomy? Or even irrigation? Yep, it was the Mesopotamians! The Mesopotamian invented a lot of things we use today.

Imagine what life would be like without them and their fantastic inventions. Go to a world with no wheels, irrigation, or astronomy. We'd be helpless! We'd have no vehicles, and we'd have to walk everywhere. We'd have no carts to carry food, no wheelbarrows. You may not know it, but the Mesopotamians really helped us out. We should thank them for inventing all those wonderful things we use today.

Superman is a popular story that we know today. Well, the Mesopotamians had a Clark Kent of their own. His name, though, was Gilgamesh. Gilgamesh showed what the Mesopotamians looked up to. Someone who was strong, loyal, brave. Someone who would protect them from the floods. They even said he was part god, part human. He killed the demon He-wa-wa, and saved the city from that horrible monster. The goddess of love fell in love with him. He was incredible, even if he was just a fable!

Mesopotamia was an important civilization. It lasted from 4000 B.C. 1250 B.C. and they were one of the first civilizations. They had many amazing accomplishments. Inventing the wheel, astronomy, inventing writing, being the first to write down their laws. They were very successful, and improved mankind's knowledge a lot. Being a Mesopotamian would be an honor.